Remarks

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2006. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims and respectfully provide the following remarks.

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-6, 8-9, and 15-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Voudouris* in view of *Kurz*. The Examiner also rejects Claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Voudouris* in view of *Kurz* as applied to Claim 1 above, and in further view of *Hanson '486*. The Examiner also rejects Claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Voudouris* in view of *Kurz* as applied to Claim 1 above, and in further view of *Hanson '882*. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 24-43.

Applicants believe all claims are allowable without amendment and recite significant structural distinctions over the combinations of *Voudouris, Kurz, Hanson '486,* and *Hanson '882* on which the Examiner relies. However, to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-6, 8-11, and 15-23 without prejudice or disclaimer, leaving only allowed Claims 24-43 pending.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to call Christopher W. Kennerly, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6812.

Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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